



**Los Angeles County
Sheriff's Department**

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Press Release

Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff

Classification:	Felony Vandalism Criminal Conspiracy Participate in a Criminal Street Gang	Incident Date:	06/14/2009 to Present
Author/Date/Time:	Sgt. Chris Meadows	Author Date:	6/16/10 0830

Incident Location:	Whittier, Pico Rivera, East LA, El Monte Areas
C/P Location:	11003 Rooks Road, Whittier, CA 90601

Victim(s):	Metro (MTA), MetroLink, State of California (Cal Trans), County of Los Angeles, City of Pico Rivera, City of El Monte, City of Los Angeles, City of Whittier, City of West Covina, City of Rosemead, Union Pacific Railroad as well as numerous private businesses	Suspect(s):	Adults 14 Juveniles 1 Outstanding 5

Narrative:

The prolific tagging crew "OCP", or "Out Causing Panic" came to the attention of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department on June 14, 2009, when they were a part of the civil unrest during the final game of the Laker's championship at Staples Center. Numerous members of the "OCP" tagging crew engaged in the civil unrest and vandalized a Metro Blue Line train at a cost of several thousand dollars. Throughout the duration of the investigation, Law Enforcement has documented approximately 700 incidents of vandalism within Los Angeles County costing taxpayers and private entities hundreds of thousands of dollars.

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During the investigation, Sheriff's Department personnel learned the "OCP" tagging crew has been in existence for more than 10 years. The crew has members residing in four counties: Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego. It is estimated the crew has over 200 members and associates within the four counties. The age of the crew members range from 16-30 years.

The primary crime committed by "OCP" members and associates is felony vandalism, however, the investigation revealed members of this tagging crew are involved in assaults, illegal weapons, robbery, burglaries, and drug sales. Several members have been victims and/or suspects of homicides and other serious crimes of violence.

In order to deter their vandalism destruction within Los Angeles County and to identify other members of the "OCP" tagging crew, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Transit Services Bureau Special Problems Teams, assisted by Riverside County Sheriff's Department, Riverside Police Department, Riverside Probation Department, El Monte Police Department, West Covina Police Department, Whittier Police Department, California Highway Patrol, Los Angeles County Probation Department "DISARM" Unit, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, conducted Search Warrants and Probation Searches of 35 locations/residences within Los Angeles County and Riverside County.

As a result of the operation, the following was seized as evidence:

- * One Stolen Vehicle, with evidence of other stolen vehicle parts
- * Methamphetamine for Sales
- * Numerous exemplars of graffiti writing with "OCP" and monikers of the members
- * Stolen Property and Police Equipment
- * Marijuana
- * Products from the "OCP" supported clothing line

As a result of the search warrant operation, fourteen adults and one juvenile crew member were arrested for participating in a criminal street gang, 186.22PC. Other charges include: Possession of methamphetamine for sales, receiving stolen property, grand theft auto, recruiting for a criminal street gang, and felony vandalism. Two suspects were additionally held on immigration violations.

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Pictures of the original "OCP" Damage during the Laker's Riots, 6/14/2009:

